Appointments newly made in the Account Office.

5. **Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai:** Will the Government be pleased to state the names of persons who were newly appointed, whether to acting, temporary or permanent posts, in the Account Office from 1-1-1110 up-to-date (14-3-1110)?

Mr. R. Nilakanta Pillai: No fresh appointments have been made in the Account Office during the period under reference.

Interest on loans in Land Mortgage Banks in British India.

6. **Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai:** Will the Government be pleased to state what is the rate of interest charged on loans issued by Land Mortgage Banks in British India?

Mr. R. Nilakanta Pillai:

Madras	...	6½ per cent. per annum.
Punjab, North-West Frontier Province and Delhi	...	9 3/8 per cent. to 12½ per cent. per annum.
Mysore	...	8 per cent per annum.
Ceylon	...	6½ per cent. per annum.

Reduction of interest on loans in the State Land Mortgage Bank.

7. **Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether the executive committee of the Land Mortgage Bank, Travancore, recommended a reduction of the rate of interest on loans allowed by the Land Mortgage Bank, and if so, what was the committee's proposal and what action has been taken regarding the same?

Mr. R. Nilakanta Pillai: The Board of Management of the Bank recommended the reduction of the rate of interest on loans issued from the Bank from 7½ per cent per annum to 6 1/4 per cent. per annum from 1st Chingam 1110. The Government sanctioned the reduction to 6½ per cent. per annum from that date.

Registry of encroachments in the Cardamom Reserve.

8. **Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have issued orders for registering encroachments in the Cardamom Reserve of the Devicolam taluk in favour of trespassers;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether their order so issued has the support of the recommendations of the Commissioner, Devicolam, and the Land Revenue Commissioner; and

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